



SUFFOLK COUNTY WOMEN'S BOWLS ASSOCIATION

Affiliated to the English Women's Bowling Federation

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President
Mrs Barbara Rushbrook

Chairman
Mrs Linda Nunn

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Dear Club Secretary,

In light of the current situation regarding COVID-19, our national governing body has informed us that the National Championships, held at Skegness, have been cancelled this year. Because of this, no County competitions or inter-county team games will take place. After careful deliberation, the SCWBA Executive Committee has decided on the following actions regarding forthcoming events for Suffolk bowlers.

Mrs Barbara Rushbrook will remain as **County President** for 2021, with Mrs Jenny Ronchetti taking over in 2022 and Miss Mel Dyer in 2023. We are very grateful to all three ladies for agreeing to this change.

The relevant **Club affiliation fees and levies** have already been paid to National and we have been informed that they will not be returned to us but will be carried forward for 2021. Therefore, the affiliation fees and levies collected from Clubs by SCWBA in October 2019 will be carried forward to 2021, meaning that Clubs will not have to pay these fees in October 2020.

It may still be possible to hold the **Ellen Matthews Competition** in July and August. We will review this at the end of June.

We will review holding the **Novices singles competition** in August.

With regard to **County Competitions and Handbooks**, if the situation improves by late June so that bowling takes place this season, Area Secretaries will issue County Handbooks and Year Books to Club Secretaries, together with an update from SCWBA about this year's events. If the situation does not improve, Area Secretaries will keep the County Handbooks for distribution next season and relevant information will be displayed on our website. (www.suffolkwomensbowlsfederation.org)

SCWBA will keep the entry fees for the County Competitions collected last October and carry forward the entries to 2021. Please would you inform entrants about this decision. If they do not wish to or are unable to enter competitions next season or they become ineligible due to age or change of club, we will refund their entry fee. Please ask these

ladies to communicate directly with your Area Secretary. This refund will be paid by our Treasurer, Mrs Sue Boorman, in November.

A greatly reduced version of the County Competition entry booklet will be issued by Area Secretaries to Club Secretaries in August. This will only be for any **additional** entries to competitions, for example any lady who had not been available for the 2020 competitions but now wishes to enter. This booklet will also be used to record any additional ladies for County Team trials for 2021. In the usual way, Area Committees will carry out a new draw for each competition even if the entrants are exactly the same as they were before.

The majority of the 2020 County Handbook will still be relevant for the 2021 season. However, a Supplement to the County Handbook (containing revised Area Competition draws, the Diary of Events and any other information that needs updating for 2021) will be issued next April to all Clubs and ladies who have entered County Competitions either with the 2020 County Handbook or on its own if the 2020 handbooks and Year Books have already been issued. There will be no charge to ladies or Clubs for these supplements as this will be paid for by SCWBA.

We hope to be able to hold a **County Luncheon in October**, but we will review this situation during the course of the summer.

We thank you for your understanding in these very challenging times. Suffice to say, the safety of all our bowlers is of paramount importance to us and will be uppermost in our minds in all the decisions that we make.

With very best wishes to you and your Club Members.

Kind regards,

Linda Nunn

Chairman (on behalf of SCWBA Executive Committee)